



**Going to school every day is the
Single most important part
of your teenager's education.**

**Students learn new things at school every day
*MISSING SCHOOL PUTS THEM BEHIND***

Why it's important

We all want our teenagers to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school-each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness - There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they are ill. It's vital that they are only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" - Think twice before letting your teenager have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates-every day counts.

Truancy - This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for school and parents to work together.

Remember, every day counts.

If your teenager must miss school,

Speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.